

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

RUSSELL DEAN RANKIN,)
Petitioner,)
vs.) Case No. 4:06CV256 CDP
JIM MOORE,)
Respondent.)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before me on the petition of Russell Dean Rankin for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. I referred this matter to United States Magistrate Judge Mary Ann L. Medler for a report and recommendation on all dispositive and non-dispositive matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). On February 4, 2005, Judge Medler filed her recommendation that the petition of Mr. Rankin for a writ of habeas corpus be denied. The Petitioner has not filed any objections, and his time for doing so has expired.

After careful consideration, I will adopt and sustain the thorough reasoning of Magistrate Judge Medler set forth in support of her Report and Recommendation of August 31, 2006.

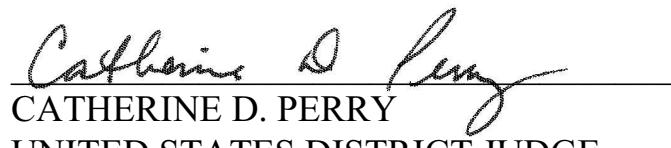
Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Report and Recommendation of the

Magistrate Judge [# 12] be adopted in its entirety, and the petition of Russell Dean Rankin for a writ of habeas corpus [#4] be **DISMISSED** without further proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no certificate of appealability will be issued, as none of the grounds raised present issues on which reasonable jurists could differ.

A separate judgment will be entered this same date.



CATHERINE D. PERRY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 7th day of November, 2006.